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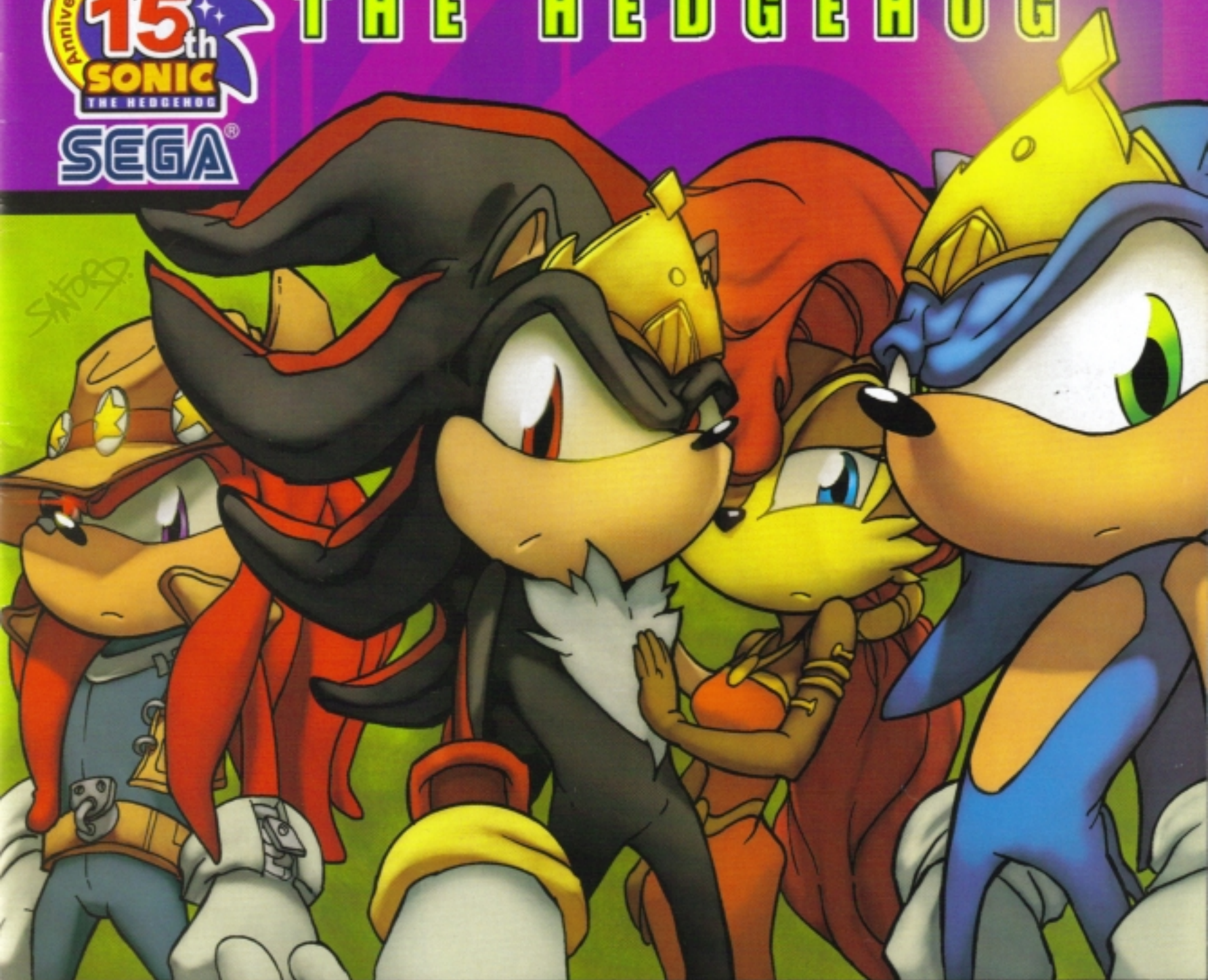
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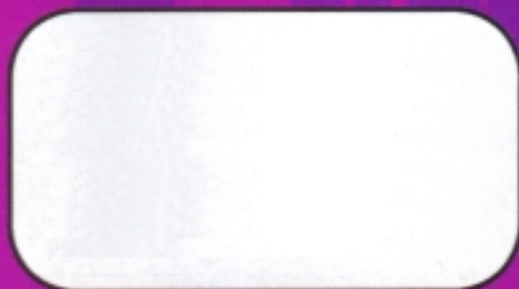
THE HEDGEHOG



MOBIUS

25 YEARS LATER

THE ONCE AND FUTURE KINGS



DUE TO THE CONSTANT USE OF INTERDIMENSIONAL TRAVEL, ALL OF SPACE AND TIME WERE IN DANGER. *KING* SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VENTURED BACK IN TIME AND CLOSED THE TEMPORAL WOUNDS, SAVING ALL OF EXISTENCE. BUT WHILE HE MAY HAVE SAVED HIS PAST, HE FOUND THAT HIS FUTURE HAD BEEN IRREVOCABLY CHANGED.

MOBIUS

25 YEARS LATER

PART Tempus ONE: Fugit

PORTAL,
ANGEL
ISLAND

THIS
ISN'T
RIGHT.

I HAVE
TO ROUND UP
THE OLD
"TRIPLE"
THREAT. * WE
NEED TO DO
DAMAGE
CONTROL.

*THE EPIC
BEGAN IN
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FIRST... THE
GUARDIAN.

GUARDIAN
TOWER.

HA!
DADDY!
LOOK!!!

YOU'RE
DOING GREAT,
LARA-SU. I
WASN'T NEARLY
THIS GOOD AT
YOUR AGE.



THAT'S
BECAUSE I'VE
GOT THE BEST
TEACHER IN THE
WORLD.

...DADDY?

OH!
WE HAVE A
VISITOR...?

KNUCKLES
IT'S BEEN A
LONG TIME.

SO
WASH UP
I'LL MEET
YOU BACK
HOME.

WHAT?
BUT
WHO
IS...
WHY
SHOULD
I...?

NOW,
LARA-SU.

...PLEASE.





DON'T EVEN START, KNUCKLES. I KNOW EVERYTHING. I KNOW YOU WEREN'T ALWAYS KING SHADOW'S CHIEF ENFORCER. I KNOW YOU HAVE MEMORIES OF A DIFFERENT PAST AND PRESENT. I KNOW YOU WERE NEAR THE TACHYON CHAMBER BACK THEN.

SEE SONIC # 144



YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT FOR SOMEONE WHO WASN'T... THERE.

I KNEW THERE WAS A PROBLEM, SO I TOOK SOME PRECAUTIONS. I KEPT MYSELF AND MY FAMILY SAFE FROM THE ADJUSTMENT IN SPACE-TIME. EVERYONE NEAR THE TACHYON CHAMBER CARRIED OVER ELEMENTS OF THE OTHER-PRESENT.

GREAT.



NO, IT ISN'T. THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE VERY WRONG IN THIS PRESENT. KING SHADOW CHIEF AMONG THEM. COBOR IS MISSING FOR HIS CONNECTION TO ALL THIS. KNUCKLES, WE HAVE TO FIND SONIC AND ACT...



GET OUT, MILES. BEFORE I PLACE YOU UNDER ARREST.



WELL...
THAT WENT
WELL.

DAD'S
NOT EXACTLY
A "PEOPLE-
PERSON."



SHOULD
I ASSUME
YOU HEARD
ALL THAT?

YOU SHOULD.
BETWEEN
DAD AND UNCLE
BSPID, I'VE
LEARNED HOW TO
TO LISTEN IN...!

AND...?



I RE MEMBER
STOWING AWAY
TO THE BAD-
LANDS. I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED HERE
--THEN-- BUT I
HAVE MEMORIES
OF FRIENDS AND
THINGS THAT
AREN'T HERE
ANYMORE.

...AND AS
GUARDIAN,
I WANT TO
FIX THEM.



THEN LET'S
GO FIND THE
TRUE KING OF
MOBIUS.

THE CATACOMBS
BENEATH CASTLE
MOBIUS.



LESSER
MOBIANS
WOULD'VE
CRACKED BY
NOW, ROTOR.
YOUR
RESILIENCE IS
AS IMPRESSIVE
AS IT IS
FRUSTRATING.



YOU WILL BREAK
AND TELL EVERY-
THING. IT'S A
MATTER OF
TIME.



THANK YOU FOR
TURNING HIM IN
TO ME, LIEN-DA.
YOU'VE PROVEN
YOURSELF ONCE
AGAIN.

DON'T
THANK
ME, KING
SHADOW...

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A close-up of Knuckles wearing a blue tactical suit with a knife holstered on his hip. He has a confident, slightly mischievous expression.

...THANK COBOR,
HE DESIGNED IT FOR
ME. ONCE I CAUGHT
HIM+ AND ROTOR
CONSPIRING IN THE
OTHER TIME-LINE.

#SEE
SONIC #141

Shadow the Hedgehog, wearing his signature yellow and black outfit, looks on with a stern expression. In the background, Knuckles is seen from behind, walking away down a stone hallway.

I DID. I *THANKED*
HIM FORTY-SEVEN
TIMES ABOUT THE
HEAD AND SHOULDERS
IT WAS A TRUE,
PLEASURE!

A large, purple, monstrous creature with a wide, toothy grin and glowing green eyes. It is wearing a blue suit and has its arms raised in a celebratory or triumphant gesture.

BE SURE TO
THANK ROTOR
IF HE SHOULD
FINALLY GIVE
YOU ANY MORE
INFORMATION.

Shadow and Knuckles are standing in a stone hallway. Shadow is in the foreground, looking towards Knuckles with a serious expression. Knuckles is in the background, looking back at Shadow with a confident smile.

WITH
PLEASURE!

I CANNOT
LOSE THIS
WORLD. I
HAVE DONE TOO
MUCH GOOD
FOR IT TO BE
STOPPED NOW.

MADAM ENFORCER!
THE DARK EYES
THOUGHT YOU SHOULD
SEE THIS.

OH? DISMISSED
TROOPER.

OH-HO!
THIS IS TOO
GOOD TO
BE TRUE.

WHAT
IS IT?

IT
LOOKS
LIKE...

...LITTLE
LARA-SU
IS RUNNING
AROUND
WITH THE
WRONG
CROWD!

CONTACT MY
LEGITIMATE
CHIEF ENFORCER.
I WANT HIM TO
HANDLE THIS
IMMEDIATELY.

OF
COURSE,
SIRE.

I'M SURE
WE'LL ARREST
ALL THREE.

THERE
YOU ARE,
YOU COULDN'T
MAKE IT EASY
FOR US?

WHOA...

THAT'S
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
?

I'LL
ADMIT IT,
KIDDO...I ASK
MYSELF
THAT A LOT
LATELY.



ONE DAY
YOU'RE KING
OF THE WORLD.
THEN YOU GO
DIMENSION-
FIX ALL SPACE-
TIME, AND
BOOM!

YOU'RE ON
THE STREET
WITHOUT
ANYTHING
BUT THE
SNEAKERS
ON YOUR
FEET.



YOU'RE
FROM THE
OLD FUTURE,
AREN'T
YOU?

YES.

MNA
AND
THE KIDS
...?

I HAD
THEM
PROTECTED
LIKE ME.

GOOD,
THAT'S VERY
GOOD.



NOT SONIA
AND MANIK, THOUGH.
THEY'RE GONE
FOREVER. AND
SALLY IS MARRIED
TO SHADOW.
WHY?





I DIDN'T APPRECIATE ANY OF IT, TAILS. I WANT MY KID'S BACK! I WANT MY LIFE BACK! OH, SWEET MARIA HAVE MERCY...

I'M SORRY, SONIC. WE CAN'T RISK TURNING BACK TIME AGAIN. I HATE THAT YOU HAD TO PAY SUCH A HIGH PRICE FOR SAVING ALL OF US.

GAH... IT'S WHAT I DO, TAILS. AND I'D DO IT AGAIN. MARIA HELP ME...

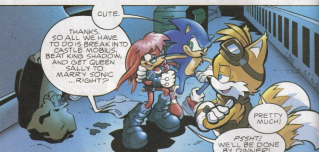
AT LEAST I CAN FIX US! I'M SORRY I LET THINGS GET SO BAD BETWEEN...



IT'S OKAY, BIG BROTHER. ALL IS FORGIVEN... YOU JUST HAD TO ASK.



THANKS, TAILS.





DON'T RESIST.
I WILL
USE
FORCE.

**HAS THE FUTURE ENDED BEFORE IT HAS EVEN BEGUN!! FIND
OUT IN FOUR WEEKS IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG # 167
IN MOBIUS: 25 YEARS LATER PART TWO: TEMPUS AETERNUS!**

THE CHAOTIX CONNECTION

YOU WON'T
RUIN MY LIFE
THIS TIME,
KNUCKLES.

WHAT...?

PLOT: R. CHADON
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CASINOPOLIS
GRAND
OPENING
TOMORROW!

LET ME
SEE,
SHORTY.

YESTERDAY,
STATION
SQUARE CITY.



RENFIELD
IS BACK?

FREE CHIPS TO
THE FIRST HUNDRED
IN THE DOOR.

ROUSE
ADVISED
THAT I
SHOULD
CONTACT
YOU.

MORE THAN
THAT, I BET.



SHE WAS
RIGHT, MISTER
PRESIDENT.

RENFIELD T. RODENT
WAS JAILED APRIL.
BUT WITH ROBOTNIK IN
CONTROL OF
ANGEL ISLAND . . .

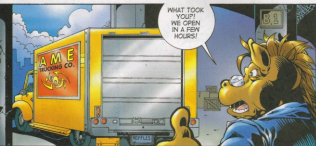
... HE PROBABLY
SET RENFIELD
FREE.

THE CHAOTIX HAVE
THE GREATEST
CONNECTION TO THIS
CASE, KNUCKLES.
I'M LEAVING IT UP
TO YOUR TEAM.

AND WHEN YOU
NEED TO GET
BAILED OUT...

I'LL SEND
BUNNIE/ CHAOTIX
GO!

#THE NOW-CLASSIC
ISSUES 138-141.







I DON'T REMEMBER
YOU EVER BEING A
CHAOTIX, ROUGE!

I'M JUST
PROVING I'VE GONE
LEGIT. OF COURSE
YOU WOULDN'T
SEE THAT ...

... BUT KNUCKLES
DOES!



THAT'S
IT!

COME
ON, THEN!

SAVE
IT FOR
LATER
YOU
TWO!



OPEN
UP.

WE'RE ARE
NOT OFFICIALLY
OPEN YET.
... SIR.

WE HAVE
BUSINESS
WITH RENFIELD
RODENT. SO
UNLESS YOU
WANT TO EXPLAIN
TO HIM ...

NOT AT ALL.
IF MR. RODENT
SENT FOR
YOU, PLEASE GO
RIGHT IN.



IT LOOKS LIKE RENFIELD
ONLY HIRED MOBIANS.
WE CAN PASS
OURSELVES AS PART
OF THE LABOR.

LET'S WORK
FAST, CHAOTIX.
WE DON'T HAVE
MUCH TIME.

WHAT DO YOU
THINK WE'RE
LOOKING
FOR?



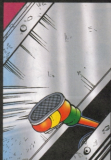
WELL, IF IT'S
LIKE IT WAS
LAST TIME,
WE'LL HAVE TO
LOOK INTO ANY-
THING UNUSUAL
WHERE FOOD
IS SOLD.

GOOD THINKING,
MIGHTY. SPLIT UP
AND CHECK IN
EVERY FEW
MINUTES. LET'S
GO.

*WAY BACK IN
KNUCKLES
HOODS UP-194

SOON, KNUCKLES FINDS THE SECURED ROOM!

THANKS FOR GETTING THE DOOR FOR ME.



NOW LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND HERE.

SOON...

THE FOREMAN! HE'S NOT RENFIELD, BUT I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GET SOME ANSWERS FROM HIM.

EVERYTHING IS SET. CONTACT DR. EGGMAN AND TELL HIM...



EGGMAN?! HOLD IT!

WHA-P! GET HIM!





ANYTHING?

NOTHING THAT I CAN FIND.

THEY'RE LETTING PEOPLE IN! WE BETTER CHECK THE FOOD BEFORE ANY MORE GET IN.

HAVE FUN WITH THAT.



I'LL CHECK OUT THE SLOTS.



ONE CHILI-DOG, PLEASE.



IT DOESN'T TASTE LIKE MUCH. JULIE-SU, KEEP AN EYE ON ME IN CASE IT IS TOXIC LIKE LAST TIME.

I DON'T THINK RENFIELD WOULD TRY THE SAME TRICK TWICE.

THAT, AND KNUCKLES IS LATE CHECKING IN. WE MAY HAVE TO DROP THIS "GENTLE" APPROACH.



"CLANG?"
YOU'RE
NOT
MOBIAN!

CLANG!

THAT
MEANS
YOU MUST
BE ONE OF
EGG-
MAN'S...



...AUTO-
AUTOMATIONS!



GUH!

KLOK



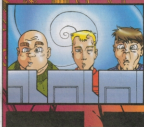
RENFIELD - I HAVE
ONE OF THE CHAOTIX.

YES, I WILL
PREPARE HIM
FOR YOU.



THE FOOD MAY BE SAFE,
BUT ARE THE MACHINES?

I THINK
WE CAN
RULE OUT
TOXINS.



THE SLOT MACHINES HYPNOTIZE AND SCAN THEIR VICTIM
AND TRANSMIT THE SIGNAL TO THE FACTORY
BELOW US.

ONCE STATION SQUARE HAS BEEN TURNED INTO
EGGMAN'S ARMY, I WILL BE FREE TO GO.
NOTHING PERSONAL - IT'S JUST BUSINESS.

WAIT,
WHERE ARE THE
OTHER TWO
CHAOTIX?

RIGHT
HERE!

SSKK'WWKARRKKKKKKK

HEROIC, BUT
POINTLESS. THERE'S
ALREADY ENOUGH DATA
FOR A SMALL ARMY
OF ROBOTS!

THE DATA CAN'T BE
TRANSFERRED SINCE I
PULLED THE PLUG.

NO!
ROBOTNIK WILL
BE FURIOUS THAT
I FAILED!

NOT
QUITE...

NOT MY
PROBLEM.

IT IS NOW!

EVEN
WITHOUT THE DATA,
THE FACTORY CAN
MAKE MINDLESS,
KILLER ROBOTS
FOR ME!

IN THEORY, YES.

THERE IS NO
FACTORY ANYMORE.
RENFIELD. WE DON'T
HAVE TO FIGHT ANY
ROBOT ARMY WHEN IT
NEVER WAS
CREATED.

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